



GLADSTONE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The Gladstone City Council will conduct a public hearing of the City of Gladstone and Gladstone Urban Renewal District to discuss the budgets for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 beginning at 6:30 pm at Gladstone City Hall, 525 Portland Avenue. The purpose of the hearing is to receive the budget messages and receive comment from the public on the budget. Copies of the budgets are available on the City's website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Facts About the Emergency Radio Replacement Bond

Currently, the Clackamas County emergency radio system is outdated and prone to failure. Parts are no longer being made and the manufacturer's support will end in 2017. On May 17, 2016, we will decide on a bond to: *Replace Clackamas County's emergency radio/data infrastructure, creating an efficient, dependable communications system that works in all parts of Clackamas County to save lives. *Replace outdated analog technology with current digital technology that ensures that all parts of the system work together. *Maintain existing service levels while improving service in buildings and south County. This project will construct a new P25 open source digital radio system, including a microwave transport system, providing equal coverage and performance to the current system while also expanding coverage and maintaining interoperability. The projected tax rate for these bonds is estimated not to exceed 10¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value. Typical homeowners with a 2016 average assessed (not market) value of \$262,514 would pay about \$26.25 annually or a little over \$2 a month. For additional details, visit www.C800.org or for questions, contact Fire Chief Tom O'Connor at 503-557-2790.

Gladstone Fire Dept. (GFD) News

➡The GFD's 4th Annual Recognition Dinner was held Friday, April 15th. At this event we honored excellence for the previous year and thanked all our volunteer/paid on-call personnel for their care, compassion and dedication to the citizens of Gladstone. **2015 GFD Awards: Top Responder:** Jeramy Brenner. **Top Day Time Responder:** Richard Newton. **Top Night Time Responder:** Justin Brenner. **Firefighter of the Year:** Jeramy Brenner. **Years of Service: 5 Years:** Zak DeLair, Justin Reisner, Jeffrey Thompson. **10 Years:** Andy Figini, Gabriel Wiggins. **20 Years:** Thomas Brost. **30 Years:** Stan Monte. **35 Years:** Randy Hopperstad. In addition to awards, Stan Monte was given special recognition for his six years of service as Fire Chief, a position he held until March 2016. Fortunately for us Stan is not leaving and will serve as Assistant Chief, working alongside new Gladstone Fire Chief, Tom O'Connor. Looking for information from or about GFD? Please call us: Fire Chief Tom O'Connor: 503-557-2790, Fire Marshall Mike Funk: 503-557-2775, Volunteer Fire Coordinator Jeff Smith: 503-557-2774.

Gladstone Police Department (GPD) News

***Chief's Corner:** Now that spring is here, **think safety!** Watch out for scams (if it seems too good to be true, it probably is) and remember, you can always just hang up the phone if someone calls and you don't want to continue the conversation. You can't be too careful on enjoying activities on or around water. The water is still really, really cold and hypothermia can set in more quickly than you realize. Either stay on dry land or wear a life jacket! Never let kids out of your sight around water, not even for a moment, because accidents can happen in a matter of seconds! Another smart summer safety precaution is to wear closed-toe shoes when mowing your lawn and put on sunscreen when outdoors. It's great to have spring here and by taking a few precautions you can enjoy it!

***What if?** The reason to create a Family Emergency Communication Plan starts by asking one simple question? "What if?" What if something happens and I'm not with my family? Will I be able to reach them? How can we let each other know we're safe? One of the biggest stresses in an emergency is in not knowing if family members are OK. A family communication plan is something you can do as a part of your personal readiness for a big emergency, it doesn't cost anything and takes very little time. If you go to www.ready.gov/prepare you will find complete information about putting together a communication plan and important tips for communication in disasters. Planning in advance will help you know how to reach each other & where to meet up in an emergency.

***Scams Bloom in Spring:** Beware of scams that seem to pop up in the spring. Be wary of contractors, especially those from out of town, who make unsolicited offers to do work such as resurface a driveway, replace a roof, repair a chimney or take down a tree. Always get thorough written estimates and references, proof of insurance and applicable professional licenses from the state or work permits from the city. A day or two to check it out and call someone else is a smart approach for a homeowner. If a contractor uses confusing, fast talk or demands to be paid for the entire project up front, **just say no.** These are "red flags" that this bidder is not reputable. You'd be better off contacting local business, asking trusted family & friends for recommendations and to take your time to make a smart decision. Check out any business before hiring. Before accepting an estimate, get at least three bids or quotes in writing—the lowest price doesn't always get you the best value. Any verbal agreements should be added to a written contract. Check to see if the business is licensed in Oregon. Check the Better Business Bureau or Google them to see if there are any complaints. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Be smart, be safe and be very careful!

Employment Opportunities: The City is accepting applications for a Public Works Supervisor and Temporary Seasonal Employees—Park Aide. For details, visit the employment page at www.ci.gladstone.or.us.

Disclaimer: This Newsletter contains information provided by various community individuals/groups which are not affiliated with the City of Gladstone. The City does not necessarily endorse such information and provides it simply as an informational service to our community.

City Council Updates

At its meeting on April 12th your City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Portland for Dahl Beach improvements & bulkhead removal at Meldrum Bar Park, Vehicular speed & pedestrian study by ODOT on McLoughlin Blvd and a \$500 contribution to the Class of 2016 Senior Graduation Party.

Outdoor Backyard Burns

As the seasons change, some residents may accidentally attempt to burn yard debris. PLEASE remember the City lies within the Portland DEQ burn area which means there are restrictions as to what you can burn. You may hear on the radio or check a fire district website and it indicates if it is a burn day—however in Gladstone you are ONLY allowed to burn Cleaned Seasoned Firewood, this includes for recreational or cooking fires. Burning clean dry firewood produces the least amount of smoke and reduces nuisance calls generated by neighbors. If you believe a resident is burning illegal materials, report the violation by calling the non-emergency fire dispatch center at 503-655-8211. Reported illegal burning activity is investigated by Gladstone Police & Fire. Most times residents are NOT found to be burning illegal materials—50% of smoke calls are simply BBQ's & smokers. When there is smoke in your neighborhood, a reasonable first step is to politely contact your neighbor directly and advise of your smoke concerns.

Coffee with a Councilor

Coffee with a council member assists the Council to better communicate with the residents and businesses of our community. This is an informal meeting with 1-3 council members. Bring ideas, complaints & solutions to make Gladstone a better community. Upcoming meeting dates at the Gladstone Library are: May 9th, 10am, & May 23rd, 6:30 pm. Please come and share your thoughts.

Easter Egg Hunt—Thank You!

On March 26th children found approximately 5,000 plastic eggs hidden at Gladstone High School. The hunt was a success and could not have taken place without the generous help of volunteers from: Gladstone School District, Gladstone Key Club, Gladstone Public Works, Fire & Police, The Wooldridge family, Donna Bart, Cierra Walker & Linda Bender. Prizes and donations were received from: Sisul Engineering, Gladstone-Oak Grove Rotary, Watts Heating & Cooling, Gladstone Burgerville, Old Spaghetti Factory, Family Fun Center, Gladstone Baskin-Robbins, Flying Pie Pizzeria, Gladstone McDonalds, Portland Rose-Festival, Oregon State Beavers, Portland Timbers, OC Swimming Pool, North Clackamas Aquatic Park, Cycle Express, Turning Point Church, USA Track & Field, Electric Castle's Wunderland & Gladstone Safeway. Thank You.

Annual Drug Take Back Day

The annual Drug Take Back Day will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10am to 2pm at the Gladstone Police Dept., 535 Portland Ave. If you have unwanted or unneeded medications, you can drive right up in front of the PD and we'll take them off your hands. The Kraxberger Gearheads Robotic Club is hosting a "shredding event" and e-recycling on the same day, so you can drop off documents for shredding and it's free! See you there!



Gladstone Community Festival

The 2016 Gladstone Community Festival will be August 5th -7th. The committee received favorable comments concerning the added events and would love to continue adding more activities the community requests. Two of the most frequently mentioned are having a kickball tournament and a chili cook-off. We NEED VOLUNTEERS to organize these activities. If you would like to volunteer to be part of this year's festival, please contact Bob Everett at 503-201-0785 or reverett78@yahoo.com, Jal Duncan at 503-201-5952 or jal@jalduncan.com or Mike Dawson at 971-777-9715 or michaeld@burgerville.com. Remember this is your festival and only by community participation can it continue to grow and become an event that Gladstone continues to be proud of! Thank you and we are waiting to hear from you!

U.S. Flags

Do you have a U.S. Flag which has served its useful life flying as a symbol of freedom and you wish to retire it honorably? Please drop it off at the Gladstone Post Office. The local Veterans of Foreign War Post 1324 will pick it up and on May 1st ceremoniously retire it with honors. As Veterans, we fought for it and our coffins will be draped under it. It has earned the **ceremonious honor. Thank you!**

Preschool News

Registration for 2016-17 preschool classes at St. Stephen Lutheran Preschool, 290 W. Gloucester is now open! They offer a Tuesday/Thursday morning (9am-noon) class for 3 year olds & a Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning (9am-noon) class for 4 year olds. Please call 503-656-3035 or email preschool_sslc@gmail.com for information, to request a brochure or arrange a visit. Classes fill quickly so don't hesitate!

Kindergarten Registration

Calling all kindergarteners! If you have a child that is five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016, it is time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is May 3rd from 5:30-7:00 pm and May 5th from 9-11 am. You only need to attend one of these times to turn in paperwork needed. For info, call Heidi Smith at 503-496-3939.

Library Foundation (GPLF)

*Get ready for our annual two-day Veggie & Plant Sale, May 6th, noon to 7pm and May 7th, 10am to 4pm located in the parking lot behind Happyrock Coffee. Veggie & herbs are \$1.75/each or 3 for \$5.00. Perennials are \$1.75/each. *More fun fundraisers coming up—watch newsletter for additional details. *Thinking of making a donation? There are now envelopes available in the library. *Interested in the Library Foundation? Attend a meeting held the first Monday of month at 6:30 pm at Somerset Community Center. Call 503-260-4786 for info.

Bicycle Rodeo

May 14th, 10am to 2pm in the parking lot of Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. Kids can polish up on bicycle skills & receive a free bicycle helmet. Sponsored by Gladstone Police Dept. & Gladstone/Oak Grove Kiwanis.

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503-656-2411

Library News—135 E. Dartmouth

► **Photography Group**—May 8th, 2pm. Each meeting a new topic will be assigned to be photographed & discussed. The group will have occasional outings, group shows, workshops and opportunity to display work in the library.

► **Rock Readers Book Club**—May 17th, 6:30 pm. This month the club will discuss *Blind Descent* by Nevada Barr. Books can be checked out at the Info. Desk.

► **Dr. Who Club**—May 19th, 6pm. Are you a fan of Doctor Who? Meet fellow fans, watch an episode and share show related news. All ages welcome.

► **A Will is not Enough in Oregon**—May 10th, 6-7:30 pm. Find out how to safeguard your finances and health care wishes through estate planning. Receive up-to-date knowledge about wills,

living trusts, health care documents, issues regarding guardianship, conservatorship & how to avoid probate.

► **Toddler Storytime**—May 3rd at 9:30 am. Toddlertime will then be on a break until June 7th.

► **Playgroup (Storytime on a break May 10th through June 2nd)**—9:30 am on May 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st & June 2nd. Enjoy a morning of playing and reading books with your child before the library opens officially.

► **All Ages Storytime**—May 5th, 9:30 am. All Ages Storytime will then be on a break until June 9th.

► **Lego Club**—May 11th & 25th, 3:30 pm. We provide the Legos, you provide the imagination!

► **All Ages PJ Storytime**—No PJ Storytime this month, check back in June.

► **Mad Science: Where's the Water, Watson?**—May 21st, 11:30 am. See exciting demonstrations and learn about all the ways we interact with water!

► **Mad Science: What do you know about H₂O?**—May 28th, 11:30 am. See exciting demonstrations and learn about all the ways we interact with water.

► **Teen Video Game Night**—May 5th, 6pm. A video game event for teens also includes board games & refreshments.

► **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**—May 26th, 4pm. Interested in representing teens at the library? TAG is a great volunteer opportunity to help plan events and shape the young adult space & collection. Ask for info or an application at the Information Desk.

*Library closed Monday, May 30th.

Senior Center Events—1050 Portland Ave

503-655-7701

◎ **Mother's Day Lunch & Tea**—May 4th, 11:30 am. Cost is \$3.50/person. Come join us as we celebrate Mom. Entertainment provided by Larry Kennedy.

◎ **Glad Tidings**—The Senior Center newsletter's next edition will be available May 2nd. This bi-monthly publication is a great way to get information on all the events & services the Senior Center offers. Subscription rate is \$8.00/year. Please call the center to order your subscription!

◎ **The Senior Center Wants to Hear from You!**—If you have any suggestions on services you would like to see, please let us know. We are always looking for ways to serve our community better!

◎ **Transportation**—The Senior Center provides transportation for Gladstone seniors age 60 or older in need of transportation assistance. We offer our services Tuesday through Thursday for shopping, lunch, and local medical appointments. For more info, contact the Center. The cost is a suggested donation of \$1.50 each way.

◎ **TRAM Excursions**—*May 6th—Tektronix Museum, followed by lunch at Golden Crown. *May 9th—Salmon River Trail Hike. Hike along the Salmon River near Rhododendron. Bring a sack lunch—we'll bring the coffee. Leave 9am, return 2pm. Fare: \$7. *May 13th—Cannon Beach. This nice beach town has great shopping, lunch & beach walking. Leave 8:30 am, return 5pm, Fare: \$25. *May 20th—NW Senior Theater/Lunch at Ruby Tuesday. We'll stop at Al's Garden Center. After lunch enjoy the show these talented seniors will perform for us, held at the historic Alpenrose Opera House. Leave 9am, return 5:30 pm. Fare: \$15 (includes bus & show). Call Center to RSVP!

◎ **Seeking Assistance?**—The State of Oregon's Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a free service that offers the public a single source for information & assistance on issues affecting older people and people with disabilities regardless of their income. It is easy to access the ADRC. Simply call 503-650-5622 for Clackamas County or visit them online at www.adrcforegon.org.

Water/Sewer Payments Available Online or by Phone

Water and Sewer payments may be made online at <http://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/gladstone-online-payments/> or by calling 1-800-701-8560. You must provide your account number when making payment.

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Senior Center—1050 Portland Ave
Library—135 E. Dartmouth St.
(Telephone numbers at www.ci.gladstone.or.us)

CITY MEETINGS:

- ***City Council**—2nd Tuesday & 4th Tuesday (if necessary) 6:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Planning Commission**—3rd Tuesday (as needed) 6:30 pm In City Hall Council Chambers
- ***Library Board**—1st Tuesday—6:30 pm—City Hall Conference Room
- ***Traffic Safety**—4th Monday (as needed) - 6:30 pm City Hall Conference Room
- ***Park & Recreation Board**—1st Monday (as needed) 6:30 pm City Hall Conference Room
- ***Senior Center Advisory**—held quarterly—3rd Tuesday 3:30 pm—Gladstone Senior Center

Copies of City Council and Planning Commission meeting packets, previous newsletters and Municipal Code are on our website at www.ci.gladstone.or.us

Chautauqua Community Chorus presents "Let it Shine"

Free Concert—Chautauqua Community Chorus presents its Spring Concert—"Let it Shine" on Saturday, April 23rd at 7pm and Sunday, April 24th at 3pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 290 W Gloucester. Featuring sacred & secular choral works focusing on "light" and sounds of the African Diaspora. Joined by the St. Stephen Bell Choir & Worship Team. Activities for children are included in this whole-family event. Reception follows. For additional information, call 503-656-8194 or visit www.sslcgadstone.org.

Tonkin Fun Run Supports Gladstone Schools



Families are invited to participate in the Tonkin Challenge Fun Run on Sunday, June 5th. A fundraiser for several schools in Clackamas County, including the Gladstone School District. The event includes a 5-mile run, a 5K run/walk and a half mile Mascot Dash for the kids. All entry fees (100%) will benefit the participating school or district of your choice (Go Gladstone)! The 5-mile run begins at 8am, the 5K run/walk begins at 8:30 am and the half mile Mascot Dash begins at 10am. All races start and end at Audi Wilsonville, 26699 SW 95th Ave, Wilsonville. Online registration is available at <http://www.tonkinchallenge.org/>.

Local Meetings—

◆ The next Gladstone Business Owners & Managers meeting is Wednesday, May 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Johnny Walker State Farm Agency, 15-82nd Dr, Suite 200. Questions? Contact Doug Loose at

douglouse46@gmail.com or 503-595-5379.

◆ The Gladstone Historical Society is looking for new members! For additional info, check out their website at www.gladstonehistorical-society.org. Old photos of the community & ideas are needed.

◆ The Gladstone Youth Coalition holds meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. The community and parents are encouraged to attend.